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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ACCESSION TO OECD

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1. SUMMARY. ON MAY 15 OECD COUNCIL FORMALLY ADOPTED DRAFT DECISION INVITING GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND TO ACCEDE TO OECD CONVENTION. AS PART OF DECISION, COUNCIL ALSO AGREED THAT GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND COULD BE REPRESENTED AT MEETINGS OF COUNCIL AND OTHER OECD BODIES BETWEEN NOW AND DATE WHEN NEW ZEALAND FORMALLY DEPOSITS INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION TO OECD CONVENTION. DEPOSIT OF INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION EXPECTED SHORTLY. HENCE, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES NEW ZEALAND HAS NOW BECOME FULL- FLEDGED MEMBER OF OECD. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER COUNCIL HAD TAKEN FOREGOING DECISION, NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR WAS INVITED TO TAKE HIS SEAT AT COUNCIL TABLE. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COUNCIL DECISION, INDICATED INTENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF ACCESSION SHORTLY, AND THEN MADE A DECLARATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT' S INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO OECD CODES OF LIBERALIZATION ON CURRENT INVISIBLE OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL MOVEMENTS. LATTER DECLARATION WAS PROMPTED BY US INTERVENTION AT MAY 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING EXPRESSING REGRET ABOUT UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS TO CODES LODGED BY NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT (REFTEL). MISSION WILL REPORT ON NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR' S DECLARATION BY SEPTTEL.

3. COUNCIL DECISION WAS WARMLY WELCOMED BY SECGEN AND OTHER DELS INCLUDING US WHO EXPRESSED PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR AND INTEREST IN NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR' S DECLARATION ON TWO CODES OF LIBERALIZATION. COUNCIL WAS ALSO HIGHLY GRATIFIED BY USUALLY WARM WELCOME EXTENDED BY AMBASSADOR VALERY OF FRANCE WHO WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS WHEN QUESTION WAS CONSIDERED AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY 3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING; MANY FEARED THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT MIGHT STALL NEW ZEALAND ACCESSION TO OECD AS RESULT OF NEW ZEALAND POSITION ON FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING. BROWN

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